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SIR:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed April 18, 2006, the term for response to which expires on July 18, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1 and 2 are amended; and claims 3-8 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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